



## ORDINARY MEETING

**DATE: Wednesday, August 23, 2023**

**LOCATION: 36 Court Street, Suite 102 (CSRNO Office)**

**TIME: 4:30 p.m.**

### **MINUTES # 74**

#### **1.2. Attendance and Opening of the meeting**

Ms. Nicole Somers, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

##### **Members present**

WALKER, Josée Rioux

MARQUIS, Eric (Via Teams)

LEVESQUE, Josée, Member of the Executive Committee

OUELLET, Jean-Pierre, Vice-President

ROUSSEL, Lise

SOMERS, Nicole, President

Deputy Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Grand Falls

Mayor of Edmundston

President of the North West Rural District

Mayor of the City of Haut-Madawaska

Mayor of the City of Vallée-des-Rivières

Mayor of the City of Saint-Quentin

##### **Staff present**

BELLEFLEUR, Lise

DION, Frédérick

Adjointe à la direction

Interim Chief Executive Officer

##### **Personnel absent**

CASTONGUAY, Marie-Eve

Chief Executive Officer

##### **Guests**

DUBÉ, Gail

Local Service Manager, Local Government

#### **3. Disclosure of conflicts of interest**

Ms. Somers asked whether there were any conflicts of interest. No conflicts have been declared.

#### **4. Approval of the agenda**

##### **Resolution No. 1**

Following a motion duly moved by Mrs. Lise Roussel, seconded by Mrs. Josée Levesque and adopted unanimously, it was

**RESOLVED That the agenda for the August 23, 2023 ordinary meeting be accepted .**

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. Minutes of meeting of the Ordinary Meeting of July 26, 2023, for approval**

**Resolution No. 2**

Following a motion duly moved by Mrs Josée Levesque, seconded by Mr. Jean-Pierre Ouellet and adopted unanimously, it was

**RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of July 26, 2023.**

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**a) Matters arising from the minutes**

None

**6. Presentation - Guest**

None

**7. Correspondence report**

Everyone had already received the correspondence report via email and no questions were raised.

The Honorable Kris Austin, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, wants to meet with the Board this September 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Four Points by Sheraton, Edmundston. This meeting is related to the crime reduction strategy. Since Ms. Somers may be absent, she asked to be represented by a member of the Board to follow up on the request for financial support for the search and rescue teams. Mr. Marquis will look after this. In the meantime, Mr. Dion will contact those responsible for search and rescue.

Following a request from Ms. Françoise Landry, députée/MLA, concerning a request for a meeting on behalf of concerned citizens in the region of Rang 8 about improving dirt roads around and including Rang 8, the members agreed that this meeting will be held with the acting CEO. If required, the Board of Directors can back Ms. Landry's request with a letter of support.

**8. Report on activities regarding shared services**

Everyone had received the activities report in advance, and no questions were raised.

**9. Chair's activity report**

The Chair gave a short report on her activities since the last meeting this past July 26.

**10. Acting CEO's activity report**

Mr. Dion gave a brief report of activities since the last meeting this past July 26, including;

- Regular management of employees
- Follow-ups with different Departments
- Preparing the budget with Mr. Michel Nadeau, suggested a meeting in three weeks to present the 2024 preliminary budget.

**11. Administrative affairs, motions and proposals**

**Deployment of the first phase of the regional transportation service: application for funding**  
**Resolution No. 3**

Following a motion duly moved by Mr. Eric Marquis, seconded by Mrs. Lise Roussel and adopted unanimously, it was

**RESOLVED To agree to proceed with the funding application for deployment of the first phase of the regional transportation service.**

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Resolution No. 4**

Following a motion duly moved by Mr. Jean-Pierre Ouellet, seconded by Mr. Eric Marquis and adopted unanimously, it was

**MOVED To agree that a study of the management model for regional transportation be carried out by Porter O'Brien for a total of \$3,595, to be paid in its entirety by financial assistance to the transition from the provincial government.**

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12. Other businesses**

None

**13. Next ordinary meeting of CSRNO**

On Monday, September 18, at 3:30 p.m., the members of the Board of Directors will have a virtual meeting (Zoom) regarding the presentation of the draft of the 2024 budget.

The next ordinary meeting of the Board will take place on September 27 at 4:30 p.m., followed by a meeting organized by Minister Kris Austin at the Four Point by Sheraton at 6:30 p.m.

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting rose at 4h53 p.m.

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**NICOLE SOMERS**  
Chairperson

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**FRÉDÉRICK A. DION**  
Interim CEO

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**LISE BELLEFLEUR**  
Session Secretary